ATTACHMENT Wisconsin Medicaid's State Plan regarding school-based transportation services policy

In August 2001, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, formerly HCFA, approved Wisconsin Medicaid's State Plan regarding covered school-based services (SBS) transportation policy. The following is Medicaid's SBS State Plan language:

Transportation Policy

1. Transportation to school and from school

A child's transportation to and from a school certified as a school-based service provider is a covered service only if all the following conditions are met:

- The child receives a covered school-based service identified in the child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) at the school on the day the transportation is provided.
- The SBS provider is financially responsible for providing the transportation.
- The child's medical need for the particular type of transportation is identified in the child's IEP.
- One of the following:
 - $\sqrt{}$ The vehicle is equipped with and the child requires a ramp or lift.
 - $\sqrt{}$ An aide is present and the child requires the aide's assistance in the vehicle.
 - √ The child has behavioral problems that do not require the assistance of an aide but that preclude the child from riding on a standard school bus.

2. Off-site transportation

A child's transportation to and from a site other than the child's "home" school is a covered service only if all the following conditions are met:

- The child receives a covered school-based service identified in the child's IEP at the site on the day the transportation is provided.
- The SBS provider is financially responsible for providing the transportation.
- One of the following:
 - √ Transportation is from the school to an off-site provider and back to school or home.
 - √ Transportation is between home and a "special school." A special school is a school that requires that a child have a disability in order to be enrolled, including, but not limited to, the Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped, as defined in ch. PI 12, Wis. Admin. Code.